

# ST. JOHNS REVIEW

## Our Political News Letter

By F. J. Kupfer.

The political situation is beginning to receive more and more attention. Little detonations are heard at intervals in subterranean channels, just to show that the "Big Noise" will soon be in the ascendancy. The candidates for the United States Senators, both for the long and short terms, are gradually building their fences and getting their house in order, for the alignment must be harmonious and receptive, otherwise their respective campaign managers will "merit" the result in proportion to their efforts.

R. N. Stanfield has been over in Eastern Oregon explaining to the stockmen, farmer, business man and laborer, the needs of the state and what measures he would propose in accomplishing them and bringing them to a successful issue.

S. B. Huston is making an extensive tour through Eastern and Southern Oregon, bringing home to the voter the necessity of a basic eight hour day and better shipbuilding facilities for the State.

Among the gubernatorial candidates we find L. J. Simpson, with that insurmountable supply of vim and vigor, wading through the eastern section of the state, convincing the voter that young blood is the requisite component adjunct for the advancement and material progress of the state and for the latent development of our prodigious amount of resources.

Gus Moser has also been on the "east side" of the state, bringing back a smile of confidence and a "leedle" more encouraged.

As Governor Withycombe has now made his announcement we can imagine him sitting in the saddle with that confident and complacent state of mind, and emblazoned on its side the emblem of victory, the three V's—Vin-i, Vin-o, Vin-it.

Ben Oicott is still worrying along at his job, sawing wood and thinking hard.

Fred W. Mulkey and Chas J. Schnabel have announced themselves as candidates for United States Senator for the short term. Senator Mulkey was elected U. S. Senator in 1906 for the unexpired term of Senator Mitchell. Chas J. Schnabel is an attorney of considerable ability and of revolutionary stock. He has never held public office.

Judge S. Coke, of Marshfield, Circuit Judge of the Second Judicial District, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court. He is widely known as a man of exceptional legal attainments. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has lived nearly all of his life in Marshfield. His parents are numbered among the original pioneers of Coos county.

J. T. Wilson, a prominent business man and the leading auctioneer of the city, a pronounced advocate of prohibition and other measures of reform legislation has announced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner on the Republican ticket.

The consensus of opinion among candidates is, that the political rounder and stricker will hereafter be tabooed. This has also reference to the gentler sex. It has been the custom among this gentry to get the ear of the candidate—as well as his pocketbook, and tell him a lot of bunk what he can do in "influencing" the voter. Many candidates get week-kneed and fall for it, and as a rule, they are all more or less susceptible to the subtle voice of this particular brand of "influence." The candidate should ignore all such importunities and confine his efforts more towards attending social gatherings, public reunions in halls, mills and factories. Have plenty of calling cards and photographs printed for display in business concerns and on the highways and byways. But the most impressive way of bringing attention to yourself from the "general public," is to constantly and persistently advertise your qualifications for the office you seek in the press. The paper, whether daily, weekly or monthly, is a medium which causes discussion at home. It brings your name before the family circle for comment pro and con. In that way only, will you receive votes in an intelligent and unbiased manner.

Down at the Capital there is a pack of irresponsible hucksters and political office holders who are injecting into the campaign the same old stereotyped

## Construction Has Begun

Construction work began Monday on the first pier at the site of the St. Johns municipal terminal, where Portland's 1,000,000 bushel grain elevator will rise this year.

Excavation and pile-driving are going ahead at a rapid rate, two shifts of men being employed. Bids on the elevator will be opened by the commission April 9. A bonus offered of \$300 a day, not to exceed \$30,000 is believed a sufficient incentive for the contractor to speed construction. The first pier will be close to the elevator, only railroad tracks intervening. It will be 1200 feet long and 612 feet of that, extending from the harbor line inward will be a two level structure. For a time the inside half will be an open dock, where cement and other building material for the elevator will be landed. The slip has a width of 260 feet, the last of the dredging for that being now under way, and later an open pier will be constructed on the opposite side for the reception of bulk cargo lumber and such shipments. The elevator as now planned represents the first unit, and bins in the rear will accommodate 750,000 bushels of grain, there being 63 of them in all. Then there will be bins under the elevator proper for approximately 250,000 bushels. A feature of the elevator that is new in such plants will be a 20 foot platform between railroad tracks alongside the elevator for handling sacked wheat. It is expected most of the wheat will move there in bulk, but that in sacks will be unloaded onto the platform, so the cars can be shifted out of the way, and when the crew has time, the sacks will be opened and dumped through gratings into hoppers from where they will be carried on belt conveyers in to the elevators. In building the pier the inner section will be finished first to provide facilities for taking care of material arriving by railroad and water, and it is estimated the structure will be ready for full use September 1. It is believed, unless machinery deliveries are delayed, that the elevator will be available before 1919 is welcomed.

propaganda of the "religious question." When Loyalty and Patriotism is camouflaged by a species of reptiles decorated with insignias and buttons from head to foot to deceive the unsophisticated, it is high time for the political scientist to discover an effective and specific antidote for its complete extermination. This antiquated stock in trade is commonly used by fools, fanatics, bigots and assassins. It is un-American, dishonorable and most reprehensible. Execution is one method of doing it, but public exposure is a more refined torture.

Tommy—What's a Patent Attorney?

Daddy—A Patent Attorney is one who wants a patent on everything he can get a hold on.

Tommy—Can he get a hold on the Circuit Court?

Daddy—Oh, yes, providing he gets the "Papers Wright."

Dan Kellaher had a bevy of young models visiting him the other day asking his opinion about the new bathing suits which he is to inaugurate during the coming season. During the conversation one of the "school teacher type" wanted to know, that in case they submitted their designs, who was going to be the Judge to decide the matter. Dan turned around to see that his carbuncle was still in the same place and facing the smiling damsels, with that Demosthenes look, he replied: "Well I have made up my mind that 'Judge' Hume will be able to do it better than any one I know of." One of the "Titan type" spoke up and says: "Ain't that nice, Judge'll Hume-rous to death on the bench." Dan's carbuncle split three ways from the middle.

In next weeks letter there will be a complete list of all the candidates who are in the field for State Representative and Senators and a history of their personal habits, business and qualifications—if any. In the meantime we will entertain ourselves with "Who's Who," "Watts Watts" and "Hells Fire"—by J. McGinn.

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## Club Room Opened

The formal opening of the girls' club room in St. Johns under the direction of the local Y. W. C. A. was held Wednesday of last week. About 150 persons were present, the greater number of whom were girls, little and big, all of whom showed an intense interest in the new organization. A number of the Y. W. C. A. board members; Miss Jontz, general secretary of the local association, together with members of her staff, were also in attendance. The orchestra of the James John High School added to the success of the program for the evening. Two humorous readings were given by Mrs. George Hall.

Vocal numbers by Mrs. Gabriel Pullin, accompanied by Nettie Leona Foy, and a violin selection by Melford Westleder were well received. Miss Jontz, in a short talk, told of the Y. W. C. A. war work in general and spoke in particular of some new work along this line which she hopes soon to introduce to the local association, and her request for the cooperation of the girls of the new club met with a hearty response.

When the great need for a girls' clubroom in St. Johns was presented to the board of the Y. W. C. A., Mrs. E. P. Northrup, chairman of the extension committee, and Miss Jontz at once investigated the matter, with the result that within a month's time the Y. W. C. A. committee, working together with an enthusiastic committee of St. Johns women with Mrs. J. M. Shaw as its chairman, has succeeded in securing the free use of quarters in the City Hall of St. Johns. Willing hands, by the use of paint and varnish, yards of gaily colored cretonnes, rugs and a piano and large pots of ferns, soon transformed the bare cold room into a most attractive, homelike place which would do credit to any city association club room.

Much credit for the accomplishment of this work is due to the two committees of women, who worked faithfully, and the firemen of St. Johns, who assisted materially, and also to Chief of Police Johnson, through whose interest and cooperation the association was enabled to secure the room and part of the furnishings. The Y. M. C. A. donated the use of the piano and the need for a boy's clubroom has been so apparent that the use of this clubroom for two nights a week has been set aside for the boys of St. Johns. Eighty-four members are already enrolled in this new Y. W. C. A. branch, with three groups of Campfire Girls and a club of older girls organized Wednesday evening. Miss Myrtle Walker has been put in charge of the St. Johns branch and will devote her time to this work, says the Oregonian.

## A Splendid Showing

A cheer which must have made the doors of the imperial palace of Kaiser Wilhelm at Potsdam rattle went up yesterday noon at the Grant Smith-Porter Ship company's yard when John H. Steveson told 3200 ship builders that the German drive against General Haig's army had been checked. Just to prove that they were willing to back their enthusiasm with their pocketbooks and check books they increased their subscription pledges to the third Liberty Loan to \$151,000. More than \$1600 in pledges and \$550 in cash were received, the record for the noon meetings so far held. The goal of \$300,000 has been set by the committee in charge of solicitation at this yard. The hand played patriotic airs before Stevenson spoke. Application for the first bonds to be sent to Oregon for distribution in the yard has been made to the state headquarters at the next Liberty Loan campaign.—Journal.

## Boys' Opening Thursday

The Boys' Opening at the Y. W. C. A. club rooms in the upper story of the St. Johns city hall will take place next Thursday evening, April 4th. Mr. Groshong, one of the High School teachers, will have charge on that evening and Mr. Taylor, another James John teacher, on Saturday night. These two nights will be reserved each week for the boys. All boys over sixteen years of age are invited. Go Thursday night and hear all the plans.

## A Patriot or Profiteer?

Is Robert N. Stanfield a Rich Profiteer Trying to Buy His Way Into the U. S. Senate?

The above question is and has been raised in the minds of many people as result of a type-written sheet making the flat assertion that he is a profiteer. The sheet is circulated secretly by McNary's supporters in violation of the corrupt practices act, which Senator McNary, when on the Oregon Supreme bench, helped to uphold. Undoubtedly Senator McNary is ignorant of this underhanded, lawbreaking method of poisoning the public mind against his opponent. Nevertheless, the question raised is one that should be answered.

The live stock men of Eastern Oregon believe firmly that to Mr. Stanfield is due the survival of the sheep industry through the past decade to the time of its present prosperity. Has Stanfield really done anything for this industry and for the state of his birth? If so, what has he done? Are his devoted supporters justified in their faith in him or are they deluded? Let us examine the facts.

Stanfield's business success has not been paved with roses. When his father died, the family was reduced to where actual poverty was faced. The mother, still living and proud of her son, was a woman of extraordinary character, a native of Oregon. She wanted to have young Robert qualify for a school teacher, but the grim necessities of their condition pulled him at once into the harness as a breadwinner. He had daring and initiative to start into the business—both cattle and sheep. Of course he started on a small scale.

With his father's experience still in his mind, and with his own shrewd observation of conditions, the cattle and sheep business at that time had never sunk to a lower point in Oregon. But Stanfield had a vision and foresight and plenty of nerve. He was not only a sheep raiser and dealer; he was a marketer to establish more favorable transportation facilities for the producer.

At that time no mutton sheep was marketed in the Mississippi Valley by Oregon growers. Also the wool of Oregon was sold at no primary market. What the Oregon producer got out of the final low price was mighty little. The fact that he owed money on which he was paying high rates of interest usually kept him tied up so he couldn't get out of the business and from bad, conditions were getting worse.

The wool, sold was marketed at a great disadvantage to the producer. Buyers from Boston would visit the state at specified dates. The wool growers were there knowing that their notes were past due and feeling they were up against a shell game so far as selling was concerned. Under the guise of sealed bids the wool was sold. The grower had to take what the buyer offered. If he refused to accept the sealed bid, he was practically boycotted, punished perhaps to the point of absolute ruin.

Stanfield grasped the problem, conceived the remedies and actually has succeeded in carrying them into effect, thereby revolutionizing the marketing of sheep in Oregon and to a great extent the breeding. He visited Chicago and observed the age and condition of lamb or mutton marketed to the best advantage. He also familiarized himself with the requirements of the woolen manufacturer.

It was one of the proudest days of his life when he took a train load of Oregon lambs to Chicago. It was the first time Oregon mutton had been marketed there direct. He had to borrow heavily to finance the purchases. But his character was beginning to be well established, and he managed to borrow enough. The venture was the success it deserved to be. A new day had dawned for the Oregon sheep man.

From that start has developed the result that practically all Oregon mutton is marketed as lamb, and marketed at primary markets such as Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and North Portland. The sheep producer has on an average received twice the price for the mutton that he formerly obtained when general market prices were the same. And the lamb he marketed cost him far less. Reduced cost and double return—the direct product of the thinking, initiative, courage, business

## The Reds Win Out

The final count of the Knights and Ladies of Security ended last Monday evening with one of the greatest campaigns ever held in St. Johns, there being 150 candidates initiated into the order, representing over \$200,000 insurance. The final contest resulted in the Reds winning by 8 majority, Reds getting 79 members and the Blues 71. The Blues will give the Reds a banquet on Monday evening, April 1st, as it was decided to banquet the winning team. The captains of the respective sides wish to thank their co-workers for the loyal support given them during this campaign. On Monday, April 1st, will be a membership meeting only. Watch for the next big attraction beginning April 1st for the next 30 days. Something unusual will be the slogan. Watch the Review for particulars. On Thursday, April 4th, the Knights and Ladies will hold another one of their popular dances in the St. Johns skating rink in the way of a hard time dance, prizes to be awarded. Admission 50 cents couple, including war tax; union music and good time assured all.—Reporter.

sagacity and character of one man. On the wool end of it he met similar success, but not without a bitter struggle.

Mr. Stanfield with much opposition from the wool brokers finally had acquired the confidence of several Portland bankers with whom he was using a considerable line of credit and he finally interested them to establish a warehouse in Portland. This finally resulted in the founding of the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse Co., quickly followed by the Portland Wool Warehouse Co., two concerns which this last year sorted and graded, assembled and sold in excess of 16,000,000 pounds of wool and the growers got the full benefit. Over \$7,000,000 was actually loaned to sheep men during 1917 by the Columbia company alone.

Mr. Stanfield's money and vigorous leadership with Portland friends subscribed stock to take over the old Sellwood Mohair mill.

Now as to the wool stored in Portland when the Nation went to war. If this wool had been in the hands of brokers, the offer could not have been made. Stanfield and other wool growers offered all the wool they had in storage at once to the government, at the market price prevailing then or at any price the government might fix. The government did not accept the offer, but the finished product, cloth and blankets. The growers could have held millions of pounds in storage in five warehouses, but they have continuously been marketing it. It has been shipped at current prices just as rapidly as cars can be procured. Stanfield was the largest owner of the stored wool. He had the opportunity to make enormous profits, but instead of doing so he took the initiative in appealing to the growers to join him in offering all the wool at a government fixed price and they all responded superbly to his appeal.

Mr. Stanfield has fought for and obtained favorable railroad rates in marketing the Oregon live stock and secured the enactment of legislation to improve the conditions of transporting the same. He has set up scouring mills, and assisted enterprises in various towns in Eastern Oregon. He does not speculate or gamble, but anything he owns is for sale at the market price. He does not believe in sharp dealing and always has a soft spot for the under dog.

These are the facts about the man who is now accused of being a profiteer instead of a patriot.—Oregon Voter, March 23, 1918. (Paid adv. by Stanfield Senatorial League, No. 203 Northwestern Bank Building, Portland.)

The Jolly 'Steen Club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Horsman Wednesday evening. In the game of 500, which was the principal diversion, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Markle captured first prize, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Derrie the second prize and Mrs. E. W. McLean the guest prize. The hostess favored the party with a number of beautifully rendered musical selections. Refreshments of a most delicious nature were served.

Hear Melba any day at Curries.

## St. Johns' Honor Roll

Following is a list of those from St. Johns who have enlisted in Uncle Sam's service and who are now at the different training camps:

Taylor M. Whitmore, Athill W. Irvine, Dean H. Knowles, Earl H. Knowles, Theodore Bugbee, H. Bryon Poff, Armand Olin, Claude E. Harris, Russell Poff, R. P. Galloway, Chas. E. Garlick, Murne Donaldson, Glenn Haskell, Ray Clark, Benajah T. Swan, Hubert Martin, Leon Sorber, Donald Strickland, Lowell Anderson, John Lavillett, Frank L. Thompson, Oron Lear, Hal J. Davis, Donald N. Trowbridge, Bert Larson, Alan Rutherford, Homer Plaskett, Henry Brandenberg, J. W. Welsh, David Bowe, Clyde Heath, Walter Mayer, Fred Scmallings, John Boggs, Ernest Johnson, Hiram Eatinger, Kenneth Simmons, Thornton Toole, Eugene Hiatt, Dove Walker, August Jensen, Ray Myer, Walter Pearson, Elmer Maples, Roy Gagnon, Lester D. and Basil B. Smith, Bryan Kikenny, Paul Rude, Emory Gilmore, Lewis Wirth, Harold Meredith, Ray Hawkins, Hugh Ward, Kindle C. Satterlee, Gordon and Wilbur Bellinger, Zelta Rice, Leslie B. Moulton, Harry Truman, Frank Green, Walter Rickson, Frank Whitney, Thomas Reynolds, Carlyle Cunningham, Percy Smith, Frank Whitney, Arthur C. Clark, Alphonso Fox, Harry O. Hughes, Geo. Downey, Thos. E. Edwards, G. and Ingolf Willikson, F. Edward Isbell, Graham Moxon, G. Lincoln Fassett, Harley Manning, Grover Carroll, Clyde Miller, Adolph Ascher, John Base, Wm. Mao, Albert Hyde, Reed Chamberlain, Ray Vanderbeck, Richard Barley, Cecil Magone, Frank Bugbee, Ivan Faber, Bert Sundstrom, Gail Ferrine, Norman Nelson, Grover Barron, Harry J. Simmons, Thos. Roberts, Max J. Witters, A. Tallman, G. W. Stevens, Christ Lind, William E. Galloway, Geo. Worthington, Jack L. Douglas, Joy Milton Carnahan, Elmer Flynn, J. Elmer Thomas, Eugene Small, Howard and Basil Holcomb, Carl Smith, Sprague B. Marsh, William Ward, Bert Sundstrom, Glen Weiser, Louis St. Johns, John F. Brownley, Ross Gatto, Thos. Cochran.

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